

SELF GOVERNANCE

(TLDR: clients and clients only make the rules)

- [] 50% + 1 votes needed to pass any bylaw and/or rule. Clients make all decisions on funding. Clients elect an emergency chief who can pass bylaws and/or rules and be voted out at any time. Voting on bylaws and/or rules is rolling, and any client can propose a bylaw or rule to vote on. Voting on the emergency chief is rolling, and can be deposed at any time provided that an absolute majority of clients vote him out of office. There is an elected group of three judges with the task of voting on whether the emergency chief violated the rules/bylaws he was elected on. If he has violated the rules/bylaws, the chief is deposed and new elections are held. Before each run, an emergency chief candidate writes out a series of bylaws and/or rules that he wants in the shelter, and as soon as he gets elected, those bylaws and/or rules come into effect.

- [] this means that clients can either make laws directly by proposing and voting on them, or elect an emergency chief who has the power to make laws too.

- [] Voting on the judges is rolling and they can be deposed at any time provided that an absolute majority of clients say they want them gone.

- [] The emergency chief is responsible for disaster rules like during a pandemic or an earthquake, or war, when swift action is needed. They have the full power to pass rules and bylaws, but are not meant to unless those cases. They are also not allowed to change the constitution or governance structure except for the first chief in his first term. The chief gets paid \$22 an hour and is responsible for working a 40 hour work week. The judges also get paid \$22 an hour, but only when they're holding an official vote on the actions of the chief.

- [] Anyone who stays here for 30 days in a row gets clienthood as long as they come here once in every 90 days.

- [] Votes on bylaws and/or rules, as well as elections, are run by the absolute majority, which means the 50% + 1 the total number of clients.

- [] If an elected official is not voted out for 4 years, an official election season (12 weeks) is held.

- [] People who vote during an election get free snack food during the day. People who don't vote get barred for one night.

REVERSING RECENT RULES

TLDR: reversing all the recent bullshit rules that shelter management started to keep us down and exploited.

- [] Donations are once again received, including food, water, hygiene supplies, blankets, clothes, bags, and anything else that clients can and/or need to use.

- [] clients can use laundry room whenever they want, and time limits on bathroom use and showers are removed.

- [] food is no longer kept under lock and key, but is now accessible to clients whenever they want, except for food bought by clients for themselves.

- [] cleaning is carried out by clients instead of staff, in a way that is decided on by the clients.

- [] All staff are kept employed and paid for a sixth month to one year period, but banned from entering and accessing the building, in order to smooth the transition and preventing them from trying to sabotage the shelter on the way out. They are not required to work except in cases where we require them to tell us about the details of the current system they put up, so we can better tear it down and keep track of all the finances and inventory.

- [] vaping and smoking are once again allowed on property. No more bag searches and checks, and clients are allowed to come in and out as they please. The doors stay unlocked.

- [] No one gets left out in the cold at night, camera feed is made publicly available to check for people who get their stuff stolen. There is always plenty of food and water, with all the right nutrients and vitamins, and people are free to leave their belongings here to go search for jobs or just leave it here during the day while they go out and do stuff. They can just label it with a sticky note or piece of paper or put it in a room marked for storage, and it stays untouched.

- [] Theft of drugs belonging to another client results in a lifetime bar. Attempted murder, sexual assault, instigating organized crime or using blackmail to force people to perform illegal or legal activities is a lifetime bar. Clients will vote on whether someone is guilty, which is decided on a simple majority vote that will be held over the course of a week. Punishments for specific crimes are already set out but can be changed by a vote on bylaws and/or rules.

- [] Clients have a list of rights which are embedded into the structure and can be added to or changed or repealed with an absolute majority (50% + 1) vote.

- [] The doors of the shelter do not open for police, parents, pimps, human traffickers, or anyone trying to track down clients who are trying to escape their situations. If clients do not tell these people where they are, they have no right to hunt them down.

- [] every client has the right to protest and critique both bylaws and/or rules and the electoral/governance system and the people running it without retribution of any kind by the officials or other clients. Those rights cannot be infringed upon in any way shape or form.

- [] no more capacity limits. The shelter will continue to take in clients until it physically can't make space. It's better for people to sleep on the floor or sit against the wall than to do so out in the cold and the bad weather.

-[] restart the partnership with local driving schools to give free driving lessons and tests to clients, so that clients can get their drivers licenses.

-[] end the rule of throwing away, taking, and/or confiscating the unclaimed and unlabeled belongings that clients leave behind. In other words, if you forget your stuff, you don't lose it.

-[] shelter restarts its partnerships with willing medical organizations to provide low cost and/or fee healthcare to clients.

NEW DEMANDS

-[] shelter always provides enough deodorant for clients so that they don't run out.

-[] shelter provides haircuts or gift cards for haircuts.

-[] there is a space for people to talk after certain hours and a space for sleeping. We can choose which is which. This way people do not get sleep deprived.

-[] find a new less harsh punishment other than bars that we use for most minor rule breaking, that still respects clients' human rights and list of shelter rights, because bars are too extreme for the winter, bad weather, and people in personal situations where a bar would be very unacceptable.